Evolutie in het leveren van ruimtelijke en temporele water gerelateerde informatie uit satellietbeelden Arnold G. Dekker FEWS User Day, Deltares, Delft 5 Juni Sat Dek pty ltd & CSIRO & Geoscience Australia pty ltd & CSIRO & Geosevence Australia



- INTRODUCTIE WATERKWALITEIT & KWANTITEIT MBV AARDOBSERVATIE
- AARDOBSERVATIE DATA CUBE(S)-DEMOCRATISERING VAN INFORMATIE
- DUURZAME ONTWIKKELING DOELEN VN (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS)
- SAMENVATTING



# NL EXPERTISE IN AARDOBSERVATIE VAN WATERKWALITEIT

#### **EXPERTISE BESTAAT BIJ:**

- NIOZ: AO, IN SITU METINGEN; KUSTWATEREN EN OCEANEN
- VU: AO VAN BINNEN EN KUSTWATEREN EN CITIZEN SCIENCE
- DELTARES: AO BINNEN EN KUSTWATEREN , MODELLERING, DATA ASSIMILATIE ETC
- WATER INSIGHT BV: GEAUTOMATISEERDE IN SITU METINGEN EN AO VAN BINNEN EN KUSTWATEREN



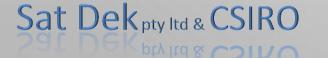
## WHAT DO MANAGERS NEED FROM OPTICAL REMOTE SENSING IN AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS?

- STATUS, CONDITION AND TREND & ANOMALIES:
  - STATUS (SURVEY, CLASSIFY AND MAP)
    - WHAT IS WHERE? (=99%OF CURRENT REMOTE SENSING EFFORT)
      - (IS IT ABSENT WHEN IT SHOULD BE PRESENT) OR
      - (IS IT PRESENT WHEN IT SHOULD BE ABSENT?)
  - CONDITION:
    - IS IT HEALTHY?, IS IT STABLE?
    - IS IT STRESSED?
  - TREND:
    - IS IT GETTING WORSE OR IS IT IMPROVING?
      - REMOTE SENSING CAN DO HIND CASTING AND NOW CASTING
      - MODEL DATA FUSION AND DATA ASSIMILATION NEEDED FOR FORECASTING
  - ANOMALIES:
    - NORMAL (TO BE EXPECTED) OR EXCEPTIONAL (INDICATING EXCEPTIONAL CHANGE FROM BEFORE? E.G. CLIMATE CHANGE INDICATION?)



## VARIABLES THAT CAN BE MEASURED DIRECTLY USING EO IN AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS (1A)

- WATER COLUMN PROPERTIES:
  - CHLOROPHYLL-A, PHAEOPHYTIN (ALL PHOTOSYNTHESIZING ORGS)
  - CYANOPHYCOCYANIN & CP-ERYTHRIN=>CYANOBACTERIA
  - TOTAL SUSPENDED MATTER
  - COLOURED DISSOLVED ORGANIC MATTER
  - TRANSPARENCY/TURBIDITY/VERTICAL ATTENUATION OF LIGHT
- 3-D INFORMATION (IF THE BOTTOM IS VISIBLE)
  - BATHYMETRY (DEPTH OF SUBSTRATE)
  - BOTTOM RELIEF (TOPOGRAPHY)



# MORE ADVANCED VARIABLES THAT CAN (SOON) BE MEASURED DIRECTLY USING EO IN AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS (1B)

- WATER COLUMN PROPERTIES:
  - PHYTOPLANKTON FUNCTIONAL TYPES
  - PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTIONS

## Variables that can be measured directly using EO in aquatic ecosystems (2) (including object-based image analysis )

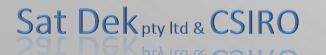
- BENTHIC SUBSTRATUM
  - COASTAL: SEAGRASSES, MACRO-ALGAE AND ASSOCIATED SUBSTRATES & FRESHWATER: MACROPHYTES AND ASSOCIATED SUBSTRATES
    - EXTENT
    - MAIN SPECIES DIFFERENTIATION: IF SPECTRALLY & SPATIALLY DISCRIMINABLE!
    - DENSITY OF COVER; BIOMASS
  - CORAL REEF AND ASSOCIATED SUBSTRATES
    - EXTENT
    - BLEACHING
    - MAIN SUBSTRATUM TYPES (LIVE CORAL, DEAD CORAL, SEAGRASSES, MACRO-ALGAE)-MAIN SPECIES: IF SPECTRALLY & SPATIALLY DISCRIMINABLE!



Variables that can be measured directly using EO in supra-to intertidal ecosystems (3) (including object-based image analysis)

#### INTERTIDAL ROCK PLATFORMS AND BEACHES AND MUDFLATS

- : SEAGRASSES, MACRO-ALGAE, BENTHIC MICRO-ALGAE AND ASSOCIATED SUBSTRATES & FRESHWATER: MACROPHYTES AND ASSOCIATED SUBSTRATES
  - EXTENT
  - MAIN SPECIES DIFFERENTIATION: IF SPECTRALLY & SPATIALLY DISCRIMINABLE!
  - DENSITY OF COVER; BIOMASS
- INTER TO SUPRATIDAL: SALTMARSH, MANGROVES, FLOODPLAINS
  - EXTENT
  - MAIN SPECIES DIFFERENTIATION: IF SPECTRALLY & SPATIALLY DISCRIMINABLE!
  - DENSITY OF COVER; BIOMASS



## TOWARDS AN AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS EARTH OBSERVATION SYSTEM:

& PROVISION OF KEY ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RECORDS (SINCE EARLY 1980'S BY RETROSPECTIVE PROCESSING) WHERE THEY CURRENTLY DO NOT EXIST.

#### SHORELINE EROSION AND FLOODING

- SUPRATIDAL (FROM THE MANGROVE AND SALTMARSH VIA THE INTERTIDAL TO THE SUBTIDAL)
- INTERTIDAL ZONE EXTENT (HAT TO LAT)
- BATHYMETRY

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- OIL & CHEMICAL SPILL RESPONSE ATLAS
- FLOODS

#### EROSION BUDGETS

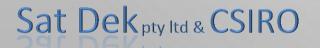
- EFFECT OF LAND-USE CHANGES ON RUN-OFF
- EUTROPHICATION NUTRIENTS FLUXES & BUDGETS
  - INLAND WATERS, BAYS AND ESTUARIES TO CORAL REEFS
  - BATHYMETRY, HABITAT, WATER QUALITY

#### CARBON FLUXES & BUDGETS

- LAND TO SEA FLUXES AND RESERVOIRS (COASTAL WETLANDS)
- HYDRODYNAMICS, SALINITY TRACER

#### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTS

HABITATS, STATE OF ENVIRONMENT REPORTING



#### Welcome

About IIWQ Portal

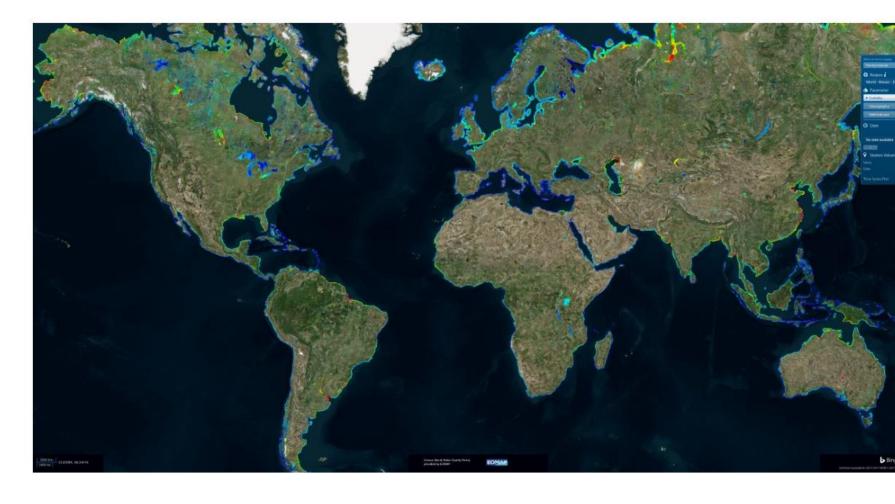
About EOMAP

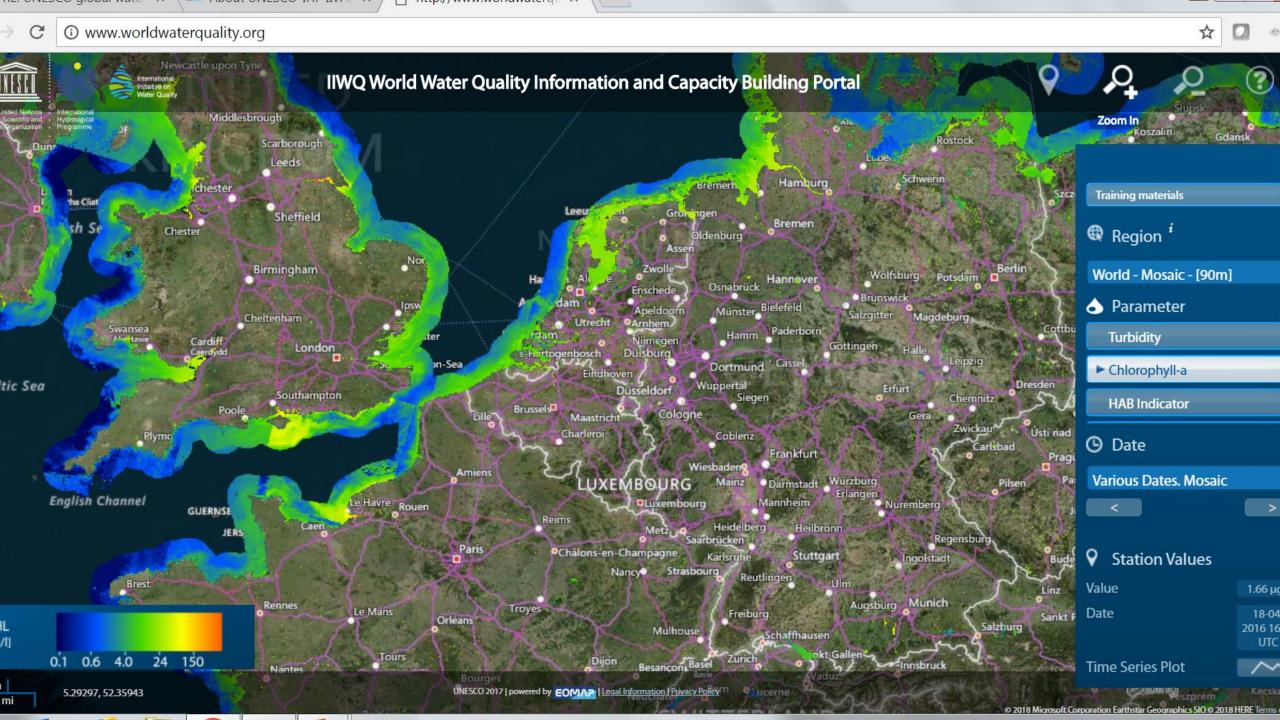
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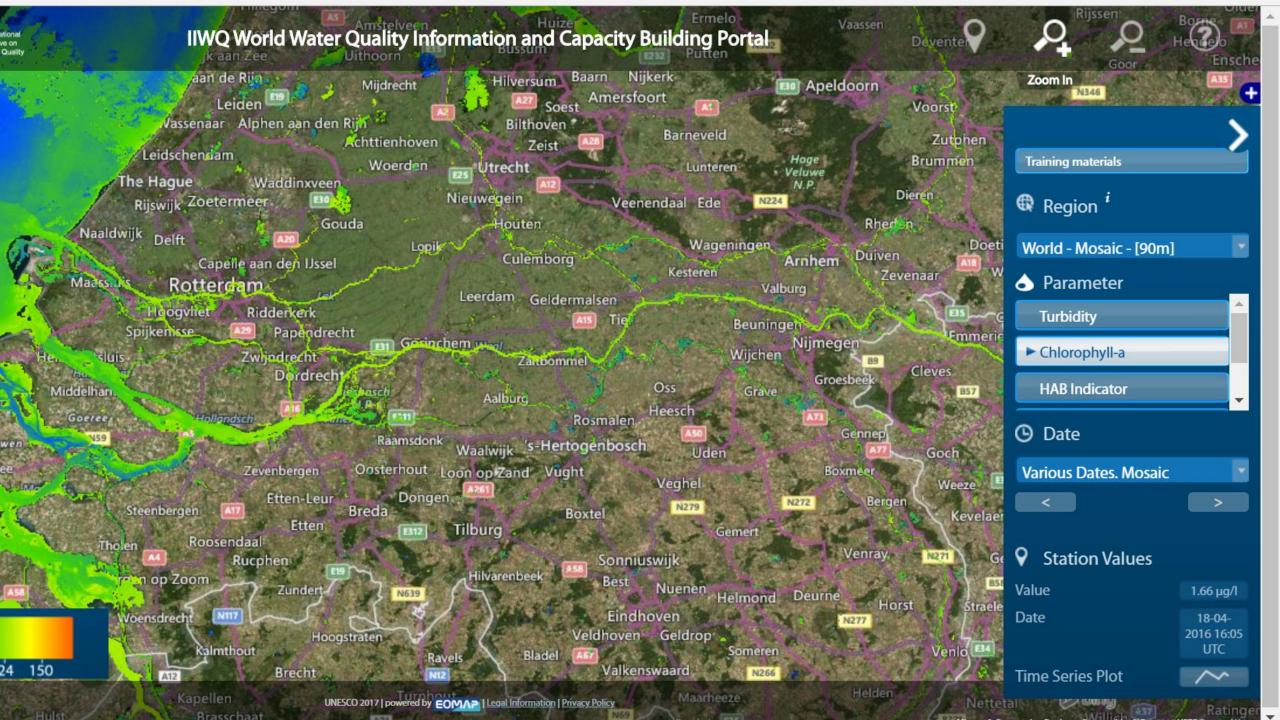
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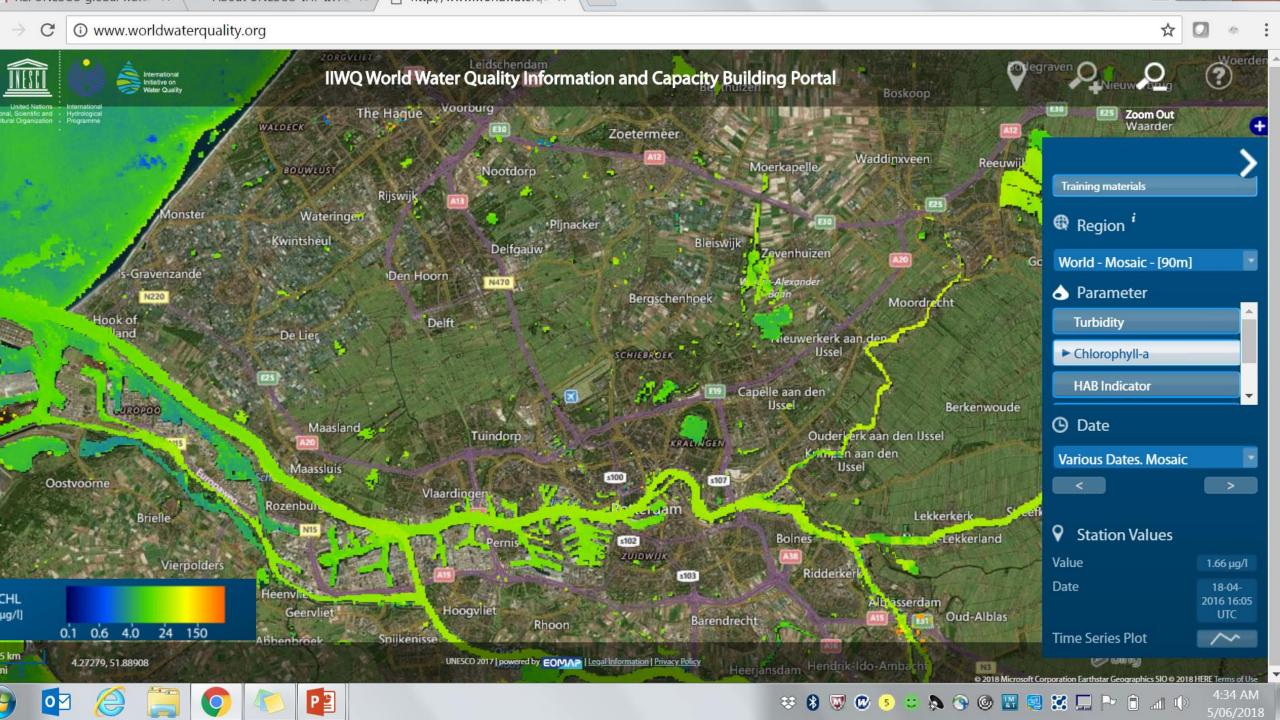
### UNESCO-IHP IIWQ World Water Quality Portal

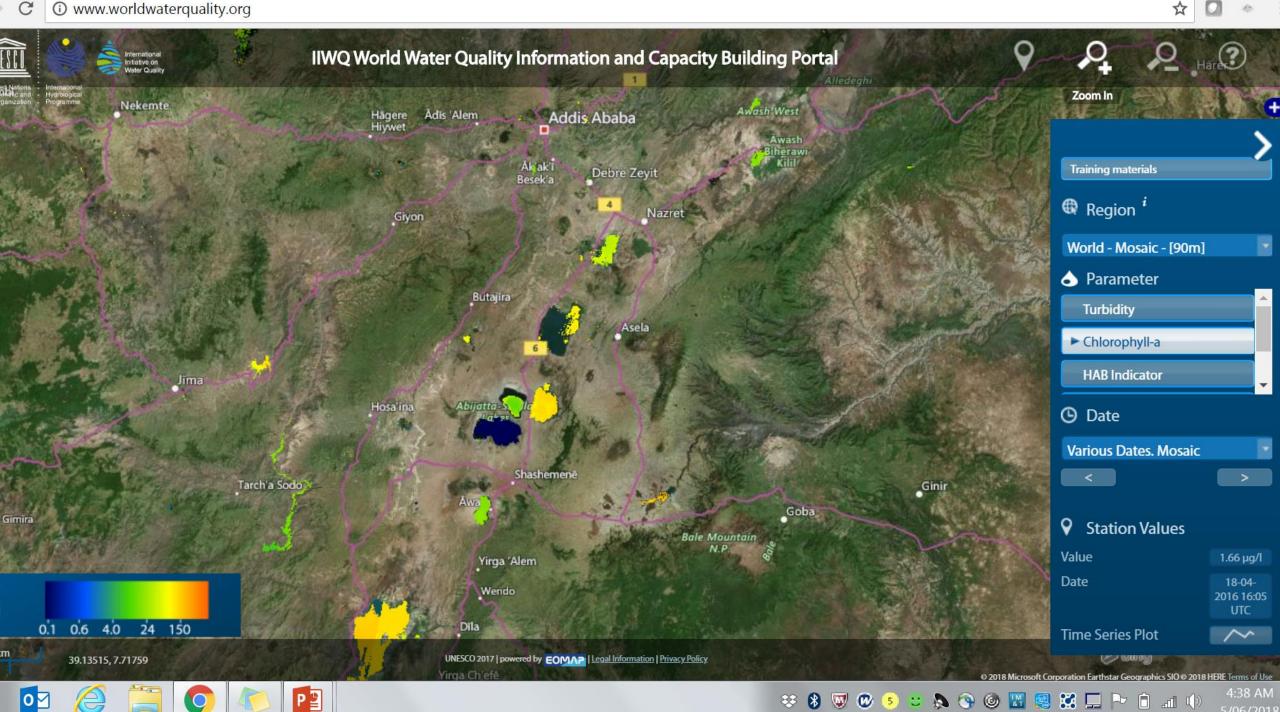
World's first global water quality portal built to support UNESCO Program













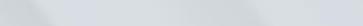








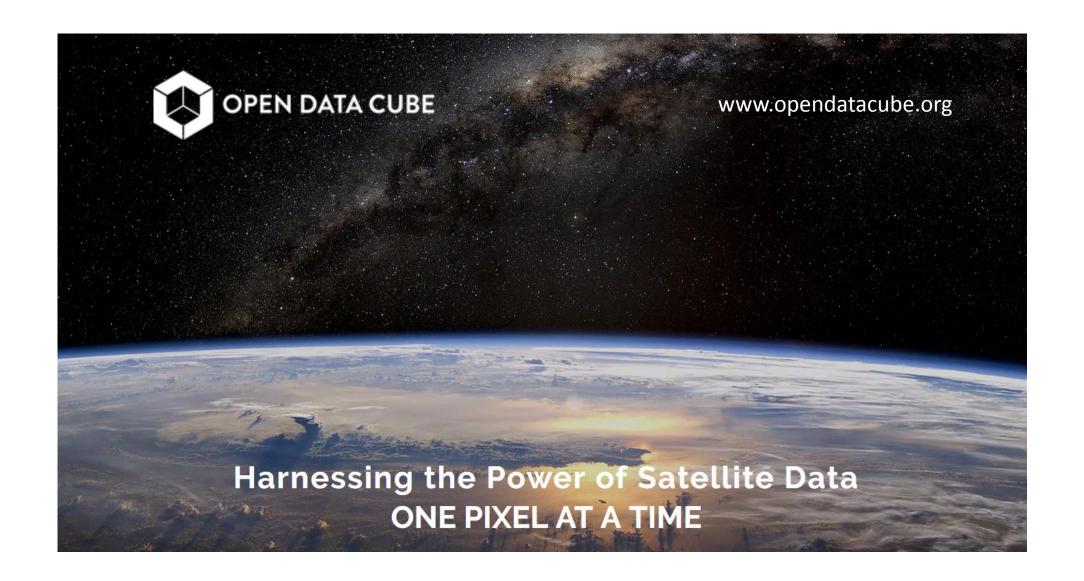














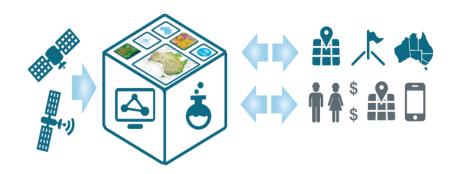
### Open Data Cube: A petabyte-scale EO Science Platform



Before: Individuals invest in entire value chain



After: Data supply and big data analysis platform is shared – individuals focus on delivery of specific value



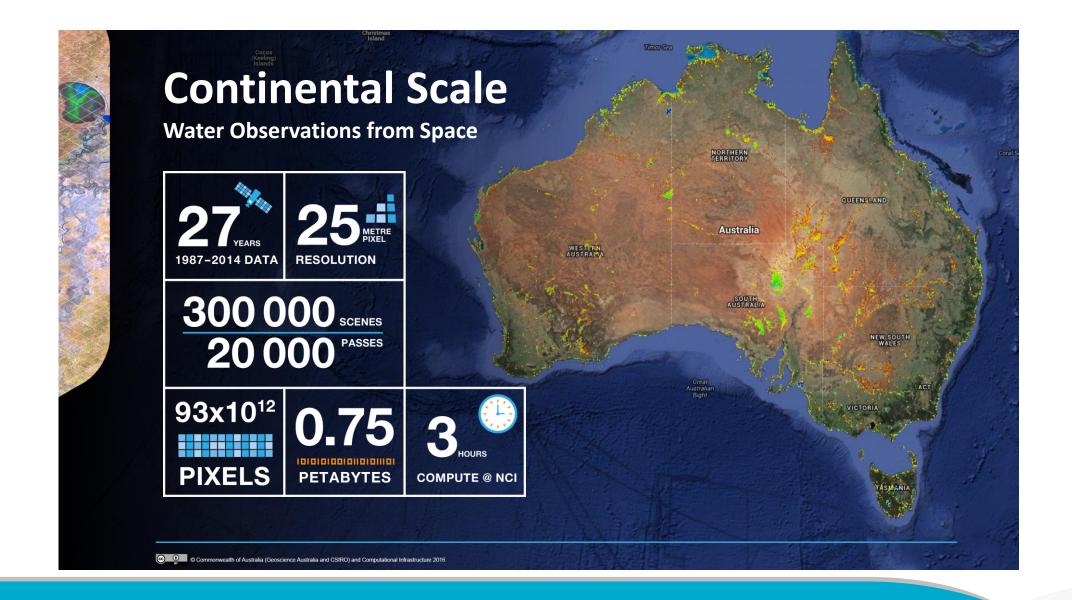


### What is DataCube?



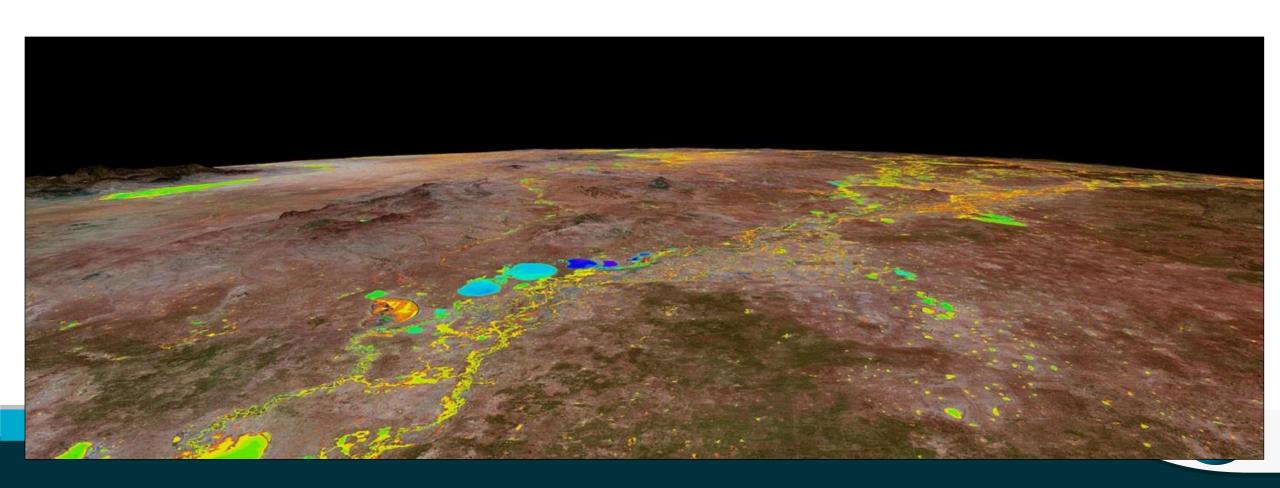
Open Source, Multi-sensor, space-to-ground data integration & modelling platform on high performance supercomputers and/or clouds.



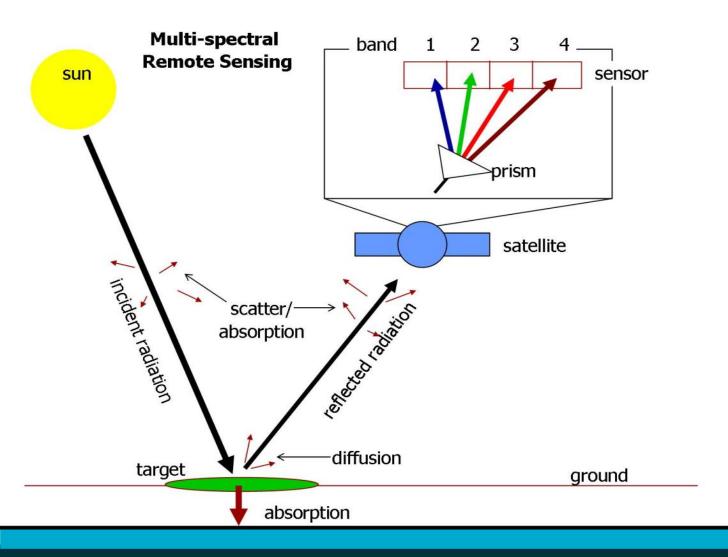




Water Observations from Space: frequency of inundation over 30 years based on Earth Observation data: Part of the National Flood Risk Information Project (2011→)



### How do Satellites "See" Water?



- Optical satellites measure the amount of sunlight reflected from the earth.
- Different objects (targets) reflect light differently, giving us the ability to identify what the satellite is seeing from the measured light.
- Water absorbs certain parts of the spectrum that we can't see with the eye. We can use this as a water "signature".



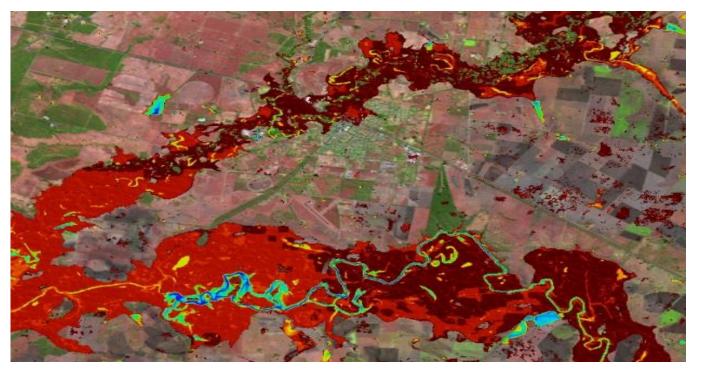
## From Satellite to Water using The Data Cube





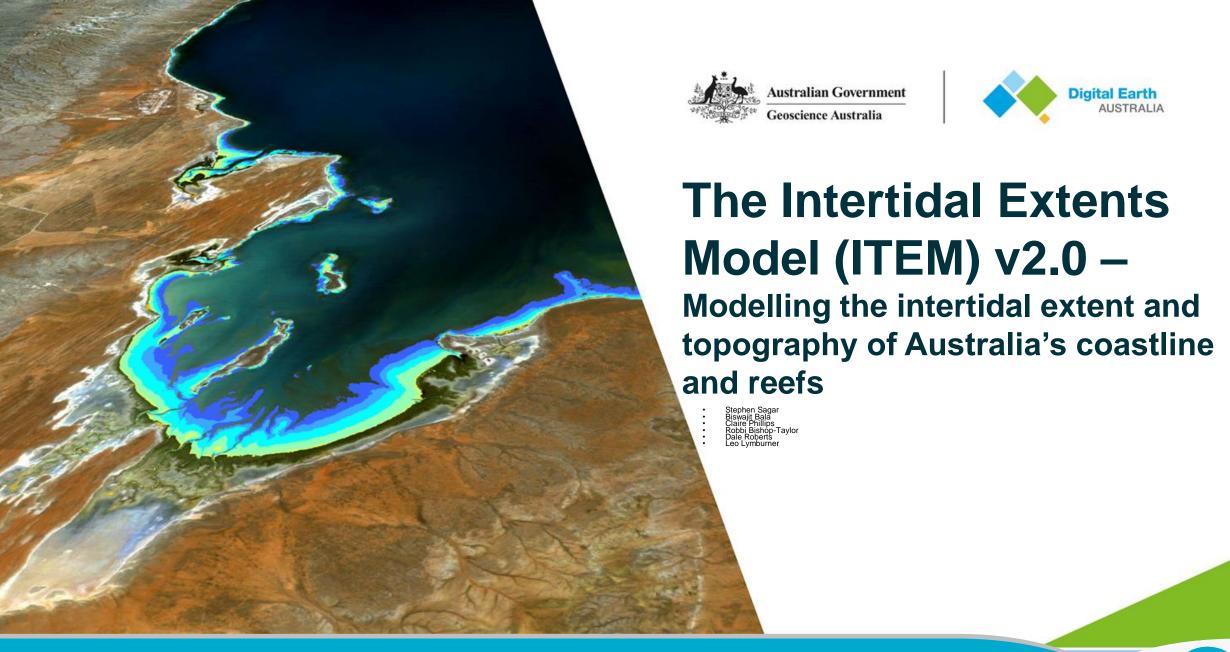
## **Applications of WOfS: Flood Mapping**

By comparing the area of water that is observed frequently, with the area that is observed rarely, we can understand where permanent water occurs and how the area changes during flood.



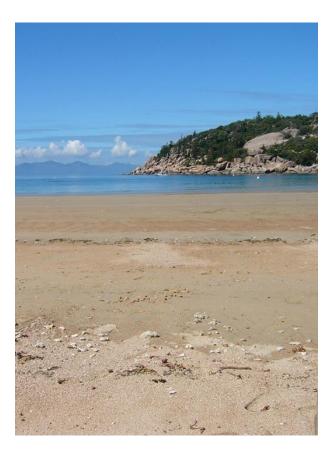
Chinchilla in southern Queensland, showing permanent water in blue colours and flooding in reds colours. The red areas spread across the floodplains around the permanent water and extend into the Chinchilla township.







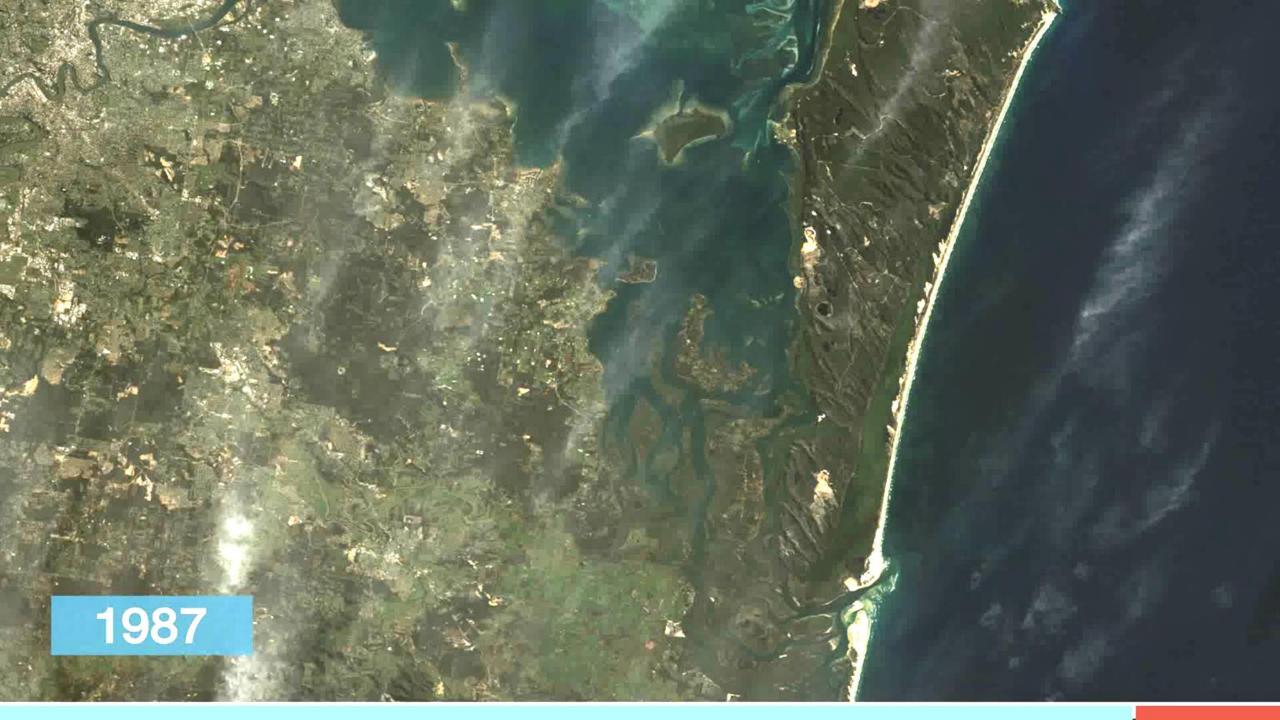
## Why do we want to map the intertidal zone?



- An important coastal ecosystem, characterised by high productivity and biodiversity and providing habitat for migratory shorebirds worldwide
- Provides critical coastal protection from extreme storm events, and is often
  a component of the coastal geomorphologic system around high value
  commercial asset sites such as ports.
- Capturing information on the extent and topography of the intertidal zone, particularly at a continental scale, is a challenging and costly exercise.
- The physical environment makes traditional surveying methods difficult to implement, and acquisition of airborne elevation data (LiDAR etc) is expensive and subject to tidal regimes of the study site.

Remote sensing is a cost effective option, but still subject to tidal regimes and environmental factors. Recent single image analysis (*Dhanjal-Adams et al., 2016*) has estimated Australia's tidal flats at a **minimum area of 9,855km**<sup>2</sup>





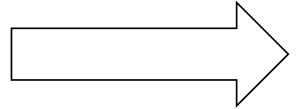
## The Intertidal Extents Model (ITEM) Process



Lowest Observed Tide (LOT)







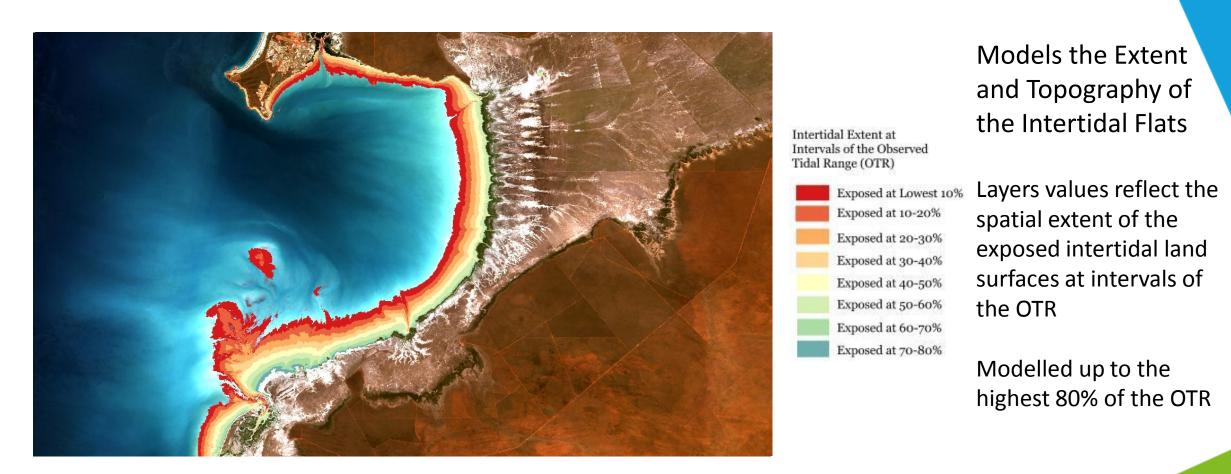


Highest Observed Tide (HOT)

- The Observed Tidal Range is divided into 10 equal interval buckets to create ensemble stacks of observations for each 10% of the range
- Each tile stack of observations is attributed with a tidal height utilising the OTPS model
- Observations are the reordered based on tidal height rather than time



## The Relative Extents Model



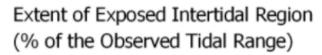
Roebuck Bay, Western Australia

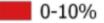






Duck Bay, Tas.





Tamar River, Tas.





# Tweed River Bypass Project

Detection of change based on remedial actions

















## **Open Data Cube International**



## **Open Data Cube community**

#### **ODC** vision



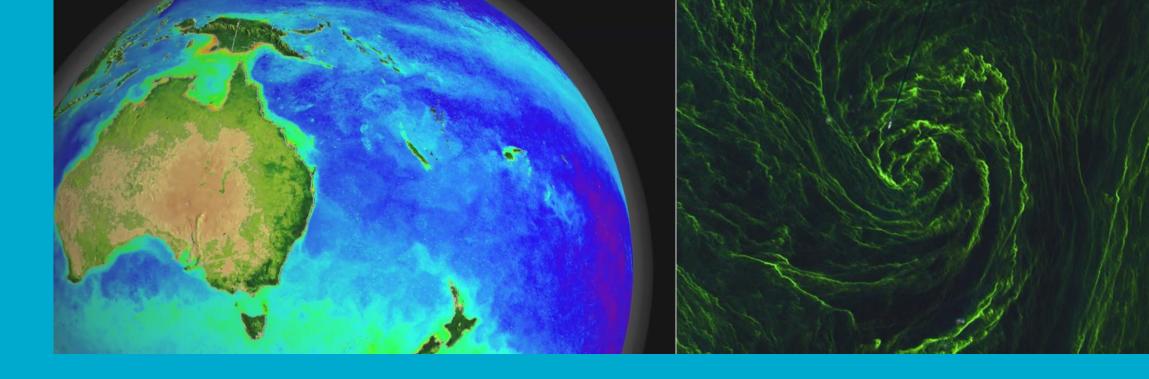
- Increase the impact and value of satellite data
- Provide a free and open EO data analysis architecture and tools
- Foster a community to grow the technology and applications

Growing list of Partners and Associates

 NASA (CEOS SEO), GA, CSIRO, USGS, IDEAM, VNSC, UK Catapult, RHEA, Swiss Met., NSPO, RADI, NZ Space, ...

#### ..and Initiatives

 CEOS DC, AfricaDataCube, Digital Earth Aust., CSIRO Earth Analytics Hub, Colombia DC, Vietnam DC, Swiss DC, ...



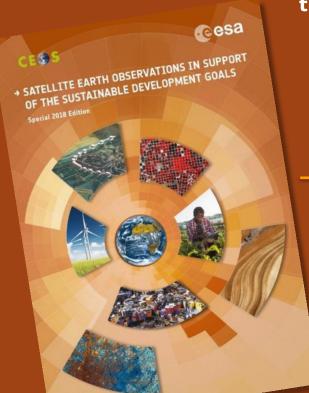
Earth Observation's Role in Sustainable Development Goals: relevant Geospatial assessments of Freshwater,

**Estuaries, Coasts and Oceans.** 

ARNOLD DEKKER, FLORA KERBLAT, ANDY STEVEN, ALEX HELD www.csiro.au

#### **CEOS EO Handbook on SDGs**





Part I role of EO data in support to the SDGs

## Part II Stakeholders' perspectives on EO for the SDGs

**Part III**Examples of EO contribution to SDG Targets and Indicators

#### Part II: Perspectives on EO for the SDGs

#### The UN System

- UN-GGIM: The Role of Geospatial Information and Earth Observations in the SDGs:
   A Policy Perspective
- 2. UNSD: Earth Observation for Ecosystem Accounting

#### National Statistical Organisations and Their Use of EO

- 3. Australia: Forging Close Collaboration Between EO Scientists and Official Statisticians An Australian Case Study
- 4. Mexico: Monitoring the 2030 Agenda in Mexico: Institutional Coordination and the Integration of Information

#### Custodian Agencies and Their Use of EO

- 5. FAO: Perspectives from a Custodian Agency for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- 6. UN-Habitat: The 'Urban' SDG and the Role for Satellite Earth Observations

#### **EO Data Providers and Coordination Bodies**

- 7. GEO: EO4SDG: Earth Observations in Service of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- 8. Pan-European Space Data Providers and Industry Working in Support of the SDGs

#### Non-Governmental Organisations

- 9. Radiant Earth: The Rise of Data Philanthropy and Open Data in Support of the 2030 Agenda
- GPSDD: Building a Demand-Driven Approach to the Data Revolution for Sustainable Development

#### **International Financing Institutions**

11. Environmental Information from Satellites in Support of Development Aid





## The Global Sustainable Development Goals

MDGs (2000-2015)





SDGs (2015-2030)

Developing country focused



Universal

Social



Social, Economic, and Environmental

Foreign Aid



Domestic Investment, Private Flows, and Aid

Official Statistics and Administrative Data



Big Data, Citizen Generated Data, Geospatial and Earth Observation Data, Open Data, and more

Source: Aditya Agrawal October 2016





• 17 Goals, 169 Targets, 230 Indicators = Huge Data Needs



### Source: GEO "Supporting Official Statistics in Monitoring the SDGs", March 2016

GEO=Group on Earth
Observations



## Earth Observation & Geo-spatial information resources: SDG 6, 14 and 15 for SDG monitoring (GEO matrix)

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS	Population distribution	Cities and infrastructure mapping	Elevation and topography	Land cover and use mapping	Oceanographic observations	Hydrological and water quality observations	Atmospheric and air quality monitoring	Biodiversity and ecosystem observations	Agricultural Monitoring	Hazards, disasters and environmental impact monitoring
6 Clean water and sanitation										
14 Life below water										
15 Life on land										

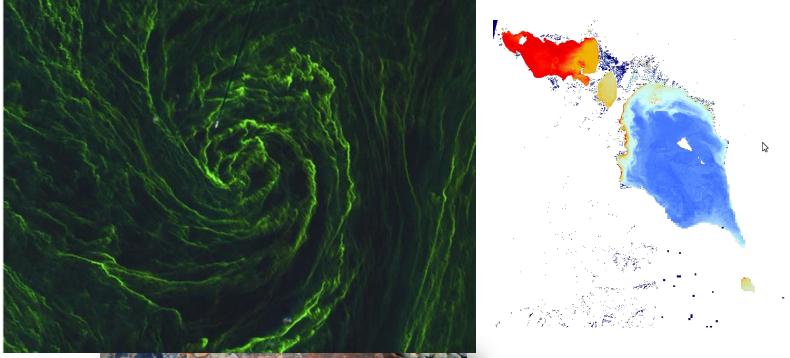


# Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

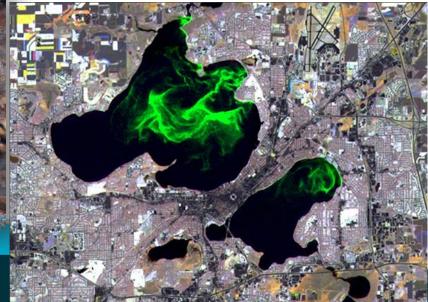
#### **Target Indicator** 6.3 By 2030, improve water quality by reducing 6.3.1 Proportion of wastewater safely pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing treated release of hazardous chemicals and materials, 6.3.2 Proportion of bodies of water with halving the proportion of untreated wastewater good ambient water quality and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally 6.6 By 2020, protect and restore water-related 6.6.1 Change in the extent of waterrelated ecosystems over time ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aguifers and lakes



## **Examples of space-based images of algal blooms**

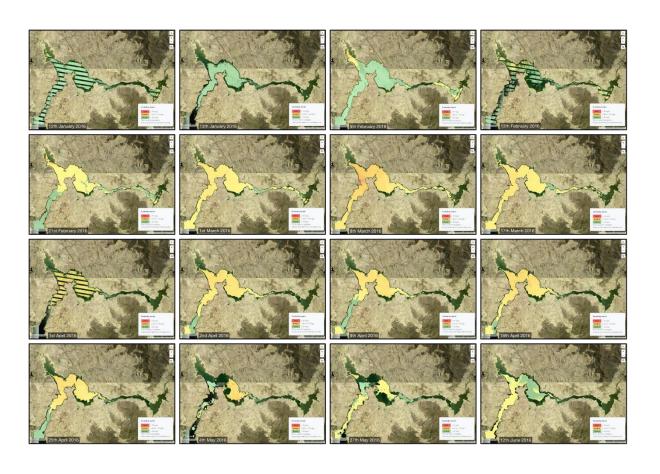


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## Algal Bloom Early Warning Alert System NSW (web-based)



Time series of Landsat turbidity images for Lake Hume covering the summer to autumn period mid-January to mid-June 2016. The time series shows the development of an algal bloom from late February through March and April. This bloom provided the 'seed' to stimulate a bloom in the River Murray downstream of the reservoir which affected some ~1600 km of river for three months to June 2016. (Source CSIRO and New **South Wales Department of Primary Industries -**Algal Management, Water).



# **Example : Ambient Water Quality: SDG Indicators can evolve over time:**

- SDG 6.3 indicator: P and N concentrations as a measure of eutrophication.
- We proposed that this will be hard to measure in over 10's millions water bodies across their length and width globally.
- Another indicator of eutrophication can be increased turbidity due to phytoplankton growth and in hypertrophic circumstances algal blooms (other indicators exist too around macrophytes etc.)
- Turbidity, Secchi Disk Transparency, Vertical Attenuation of Light, Total Suspended Matter, Coloured Dissolved Organic Matter and Chlorophyll and Cyanobacterial pigment concentrations can already be measured from space.======= → logical solution for assessing ambient water quality!



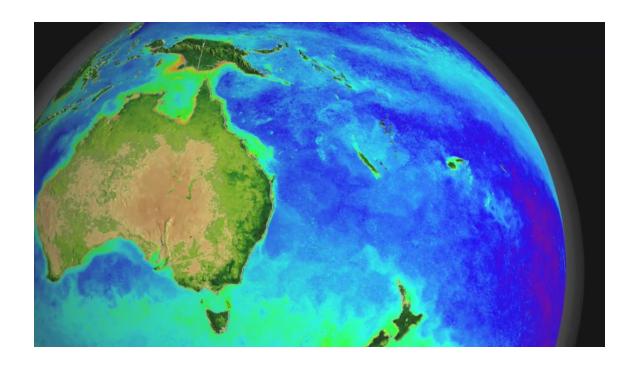
# Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

#### Target

14.1 By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution

#### Indicator

14.1.1 Index of coastal eutrophication and floating plastic debris density





Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Target Indicator

15.1 By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements

15.1.2 Proportion of important sites for terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity that are covered by protected areas, by ecosystem type



### **Summary:**

- 1) Retrospective processing capability that earth observation provides for archival earth observation data (back to 1984 for Landsat)
- 2) Physics-based earth observation methods reduce or eliminate the need for repetitive in situ measurements & automation ready
- 3) EO can provide near real time emergency information
- 4) (Some) national and several global systematic EO-based mapping systems are being built and the information will be publicly available
- 5) EO Sensors and information extraction methods are improving continuously
- 6) Funding insecurity (boom to bust) hampers effective resourcing of building the required infrastructure
- 7) Concerted long term action required
- 8) Validation of (multiple-source) national and global products will be essential



